GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
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Telecom in Left Wing Extremist Areas
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to strengthen mobile network facility in the areas affected by Left Wing Extremism (LWE);

(b) if so, the steps being taken for selection of such areas to provide the network facility;

(c) whether the Government has received complaints regarding poor mobile service in rural and LWE affected districts including Bihar; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS &
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (d) Government is committed to strengthen mobile network facility in the areas affected by Left Wing Extremism (LWE). 2199 mobile towers are being set up in Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected States with a total estimated cost of Rs.3567.58 crore. The work is being executed by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL). As on date, 2185 mobile towers are made operational under this Project. These locations are identified by Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA). Further, no significant complaint has been received for the mobile towers installed under this Project. State-wise breakup of LWE Mobile Towers is at Annexure.

ANNEXURE

State-wise breakup of mobile tower locations in LWE Affected Areas
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S. No. State No. of locations identified by MHA No. of Mobile Towers Installed
1. Andhra Pradesh 54 54
2. Bihar 184 184
3. Chhattisgarh 497 490
4. Jharkhand 782 782
5. Maharashtra 60 60
6. Madhya Pradesh 22 22
7. Odisha 253 248
8. Telangana 173 171
9. Uttar Pradesh 78 78
10. West Bengal 96 96
Total 2,199 2185
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